

# THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE FOR COMFORT COOLING

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- University of Arizona TES & Self Generation



# Introduction to Thermal Energy Storage

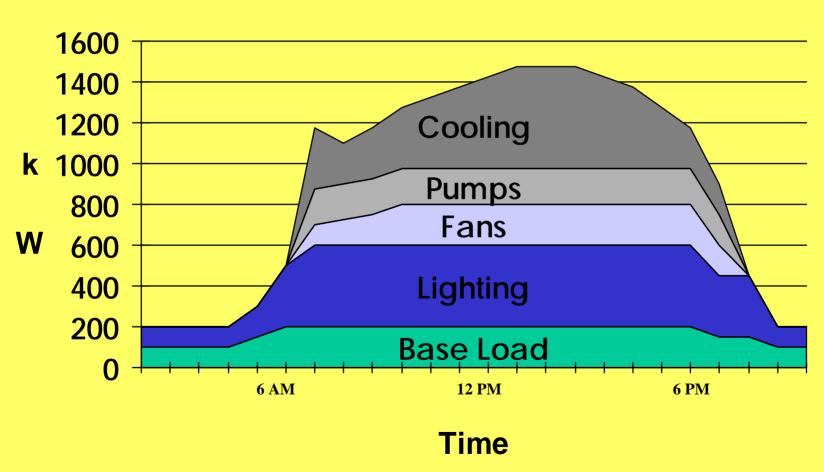
**BASIC OVERVIEW** 

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

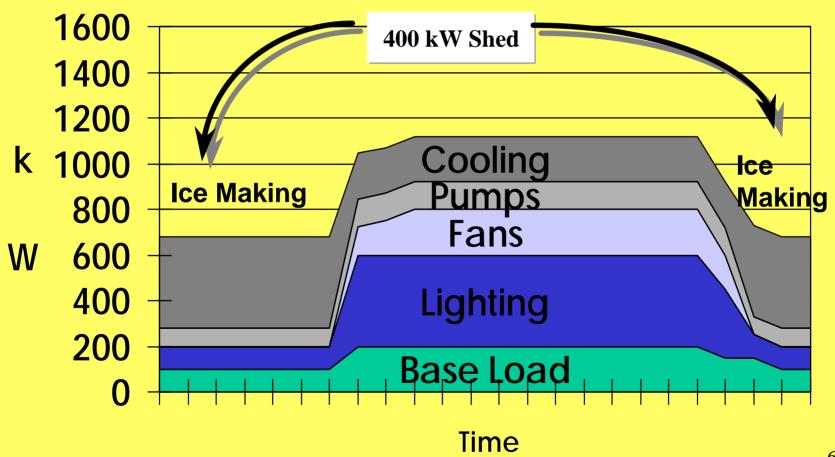
# Thermal Storage

- Thermal storage systems remove heat from or add heat to a storage medium for use at another time.
- For ice-based systems, this means using a chiller to produce ice during the night when rates are lower and using the ice for cooling during the peak periods.

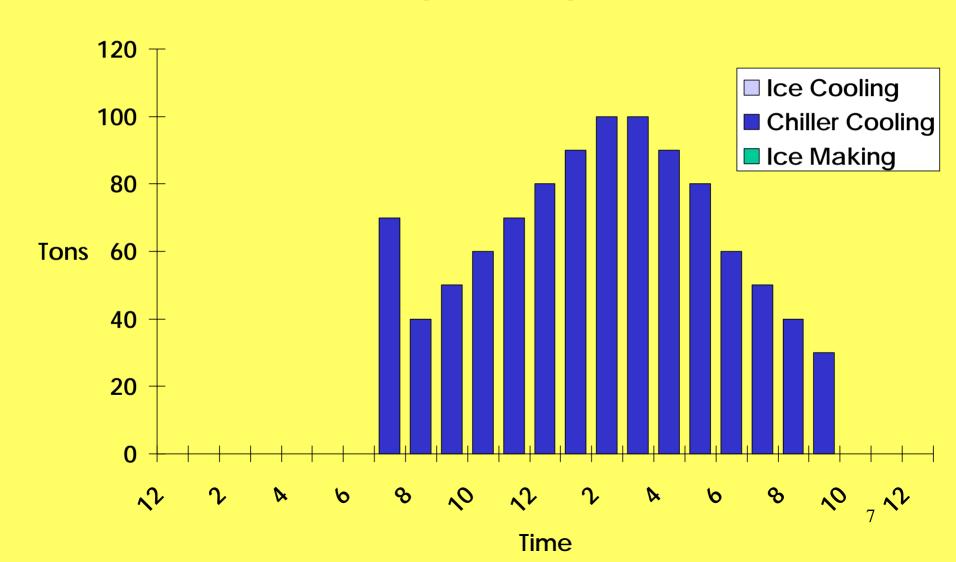
#### Conventional Electrical Profile



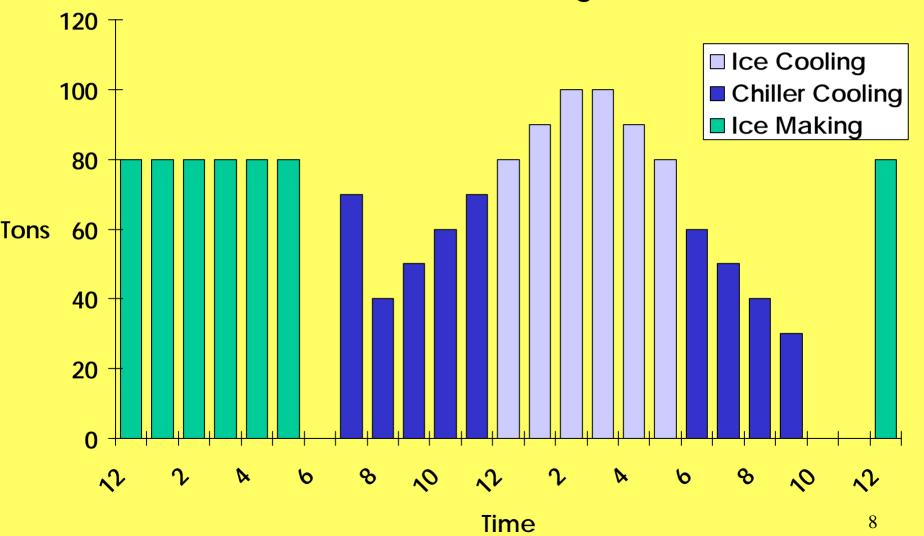
#### Off Peak Cooling Electrical Profile



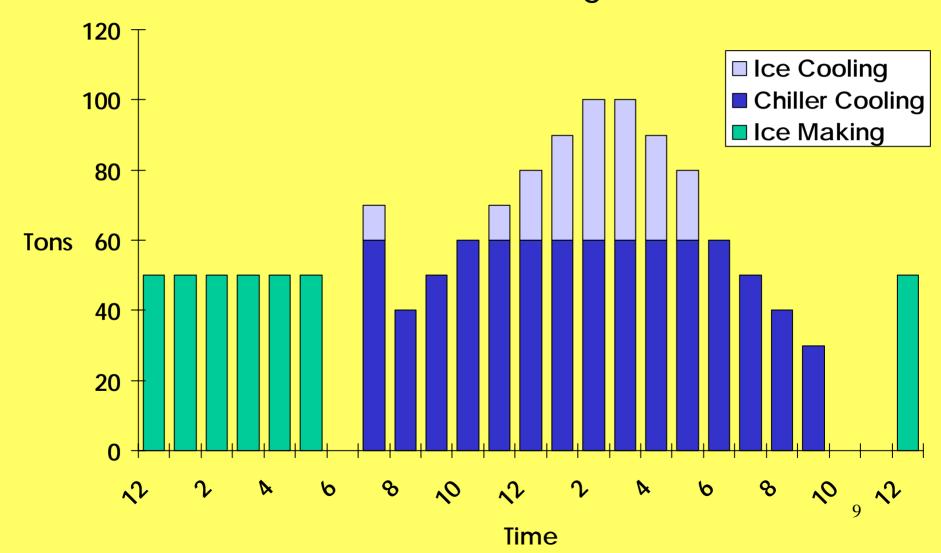
### **Building Cooling Profile**







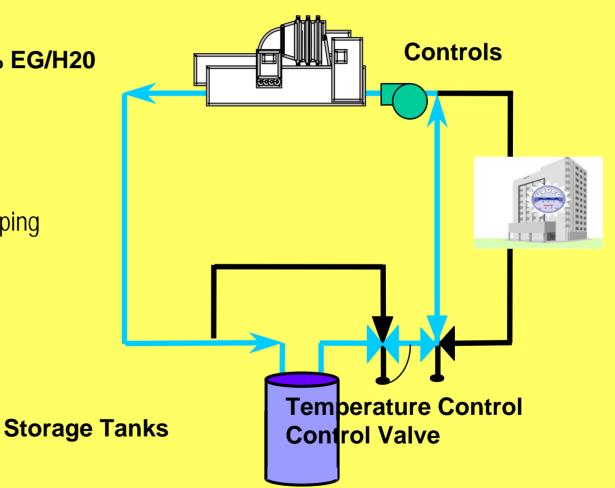
### Partial Storage



#### What's So Different?

25% EG/H20

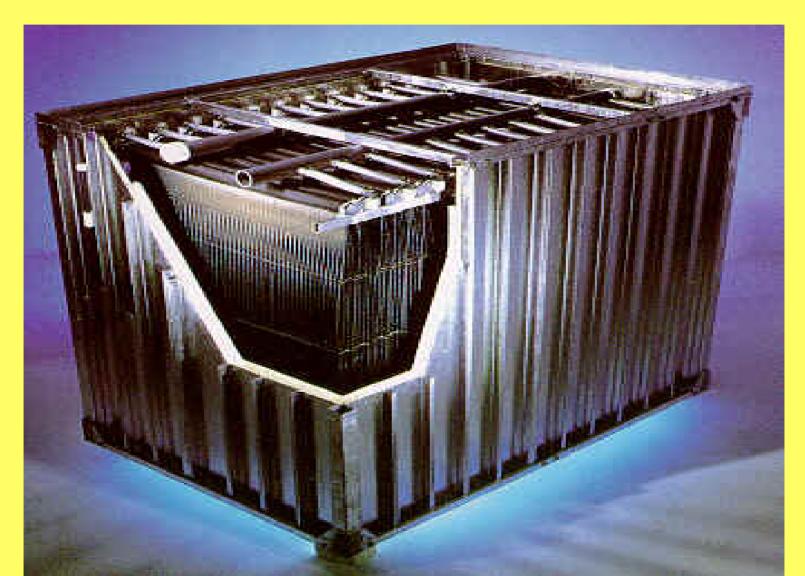
Chiller Based System Standard Design No Refrigeration Piping No harvest cycles **Closed System** 



#### ICE STORAGE & WATER STORAGE

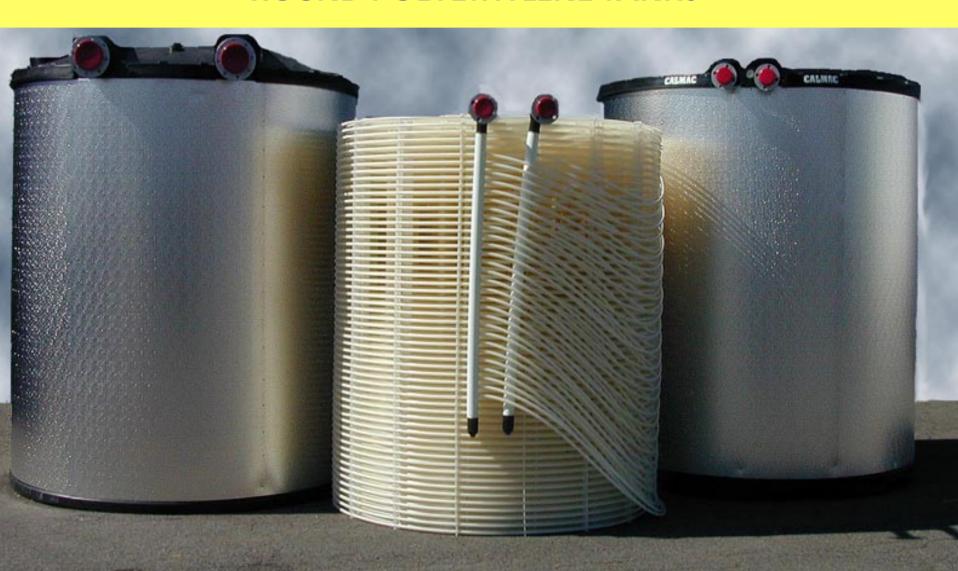
- BOTH TYPES ARE COMMON AND SIMILAR
- ICE STORAGE REQUIRES CHILLERS TO OPERATE AT LOWER TEMPERATURES TO MAKE ICE
- SO WHAT'S THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE?
- VOLUME ("LATENT HEAT" vs. "SENSIBLE HEAT")

### METAL TANKS, INTERNAL TUBING



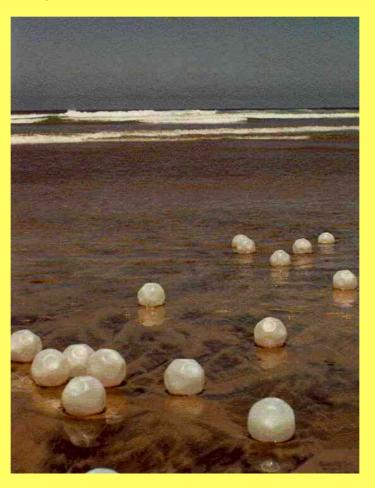


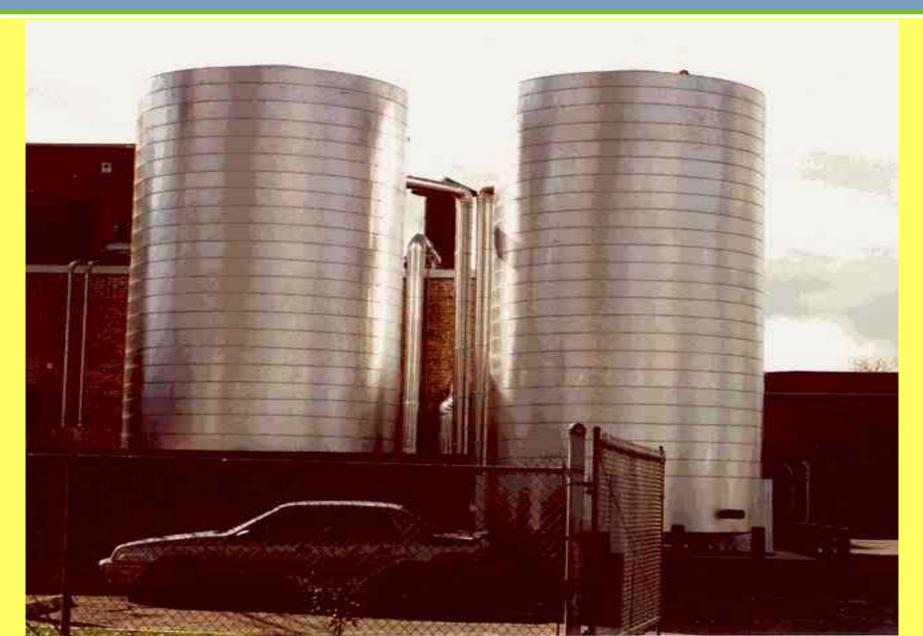
#### **ROUND POLYETHYLENE TANKS**





# ICE BALLS, CUSTOM BUILT TANKS





# METAL COILS IN A "VAULT"





# Off Peak Cooling Applications



- Schools & Universities
- Churches
- Military Bases
- Offices
- Retail Stores
- Chiller Replacements
- Remodels & Additions
- Theaters
- Arenas
- Auditoriums
- Hospitals/Medical Off.
- Convention Centers



# WHY USE THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE?

- •LEED
- •CODES (ASHRAE 90.1, CA Title 24)
- ECONOMICS (Rates)
- •RIGHTSIZING

# LEED

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design U.S. Green Building Council

#### LEED REGISTERED PROJECTS IN AZ

THERE ARE CURRENTLY OVER 40 PROJECTS
 REGISTERED ON THE USGBC WEBSITE FOR LEED
 CERTIFICATION IN ARIZONA

 GO TO THE USGBC WEBSITE, CLICK ON "LEED," "REGISTERED PROJECTS" AND CLICK ON THE LINK TO "CURRENT REGISTERED PROJECTS"

# Today's Green Design Goals:

LEED RATING SYSTEM

•	Sustainable Site	22%
•	Water Efficiency	8%
•	Conserve Materials and Resources	20%
•	Good Indoor Environmental Quality	23%
•	Conserve Energy and Atmosphere	27%

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#### LEED™ Points Available with Off Peak Cooling

#### Reduce Design Energy Cost\*

New Bldgs	Existing Bldgs	LEED™ Points
15%	5%	1
20%	10%	2
30%	20%	4
40%	30%	6
50%	40%	8
60%	50%	10

#### CODES

ASHRAE 90.1 – Governs Mechanical Design

- California Title 24
- The 2005 revision has been revised to use a "TIME DEPENDENT VALUATION" to encourage designs that shift peak load.
- (Reference the California Energy Commission website for more information)

# **ECONOMICS**

**Utility Rates:** 

**Energy Charges** 

&

**Demand Charges** 

#### How are you Now Charged for Electricity?

Residentially-Energy (kW-h x \$/ kW-h) = Total \$\$\$

Commercially-

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Energy (kW-h x \$/ kW-h) = \$\$\$

Demand (Max. Monthly kW x \$/kW) = \$\$\$

Total = \$\$\$
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Commercially the "Demand" portion of your bill can be 50% of the bill!

## **Local Rates**

- Energy charges (kW-h) more expensive during peak times
- Demand charges: Typically from \$5 per kW to \$20 per kW

If demand is \$7 per kW:

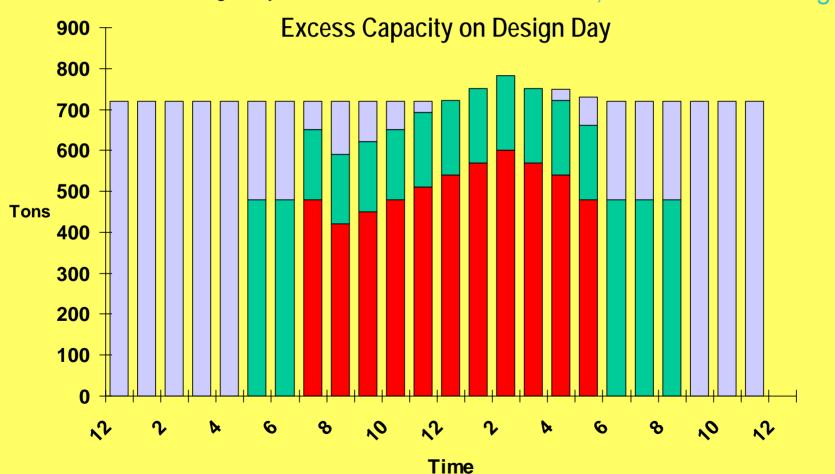
For every 100 kW shifted, the customer saves \$700 per month in demand charges

# Rightsizing

Instead of adding 20 % more refrigeration tons to a design for necessary safety factor, reduce refrigeration tons by 20% and add ice storage!

- □ Conventional System (2) 360 ton chillers
- Storage System Excess Capacity
- Design Day Load

Storage System
(2)- 240 Ton Chillers
2,130 ton-hrs. Storage



### Additional "Drivers" for Thermal Storage

- Power Supply Limitations
- Building Expansion/Increased Building Loads
- Chiller Cycling Issues
- Noise
- Federal Encouragement to Reduce Peak Loads
- Water usage issues

# THERMAL STORAGE MYTHS

#### Thermal Storage:

- Is uncommon
- Is too expensive
- Lacks redundancy
- Is too difficult to control

#### Uncommon?

4.5 kW Heater

Over 6000 TES Installations Worldwide



#### Thermal Storage is Too Expensive

Typical Example:

500 Ton Peak Load

600 Ton Design to allow for safety factor and redundancy:

Non-Storage System 2-300 ton Chillers x \$1,000/ton = \$600,000

Partial Storage System 2-200 ton Chillers x \$1050/ton = \$420,000

1500 ton-hrs storage @ \$150/ton-hr = \$225,000

= \$ 645,000

Thermal Storage Systems do not and should not be prohibitively expensive. They are often installed at nearly the same cost as a conventional system.

# Thermal Storage Lacks Redundancy Consider the following 600 ton design:

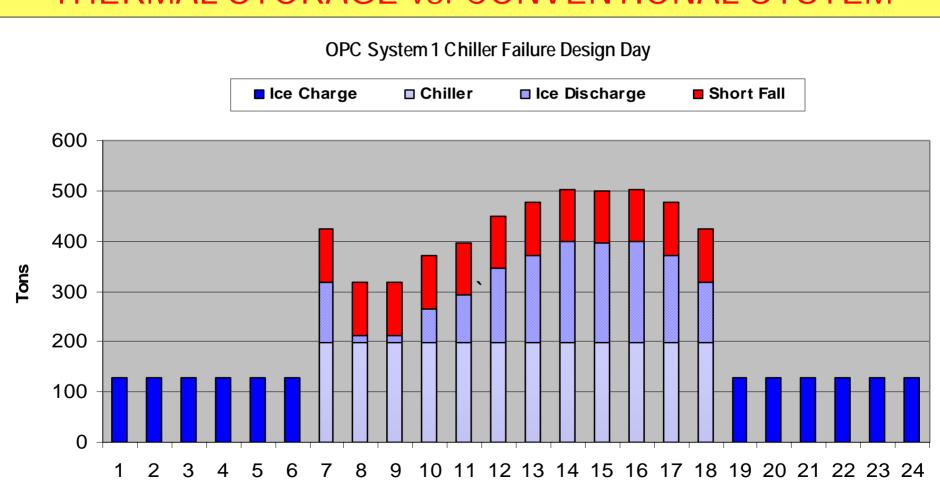
Two 300 ton chillers

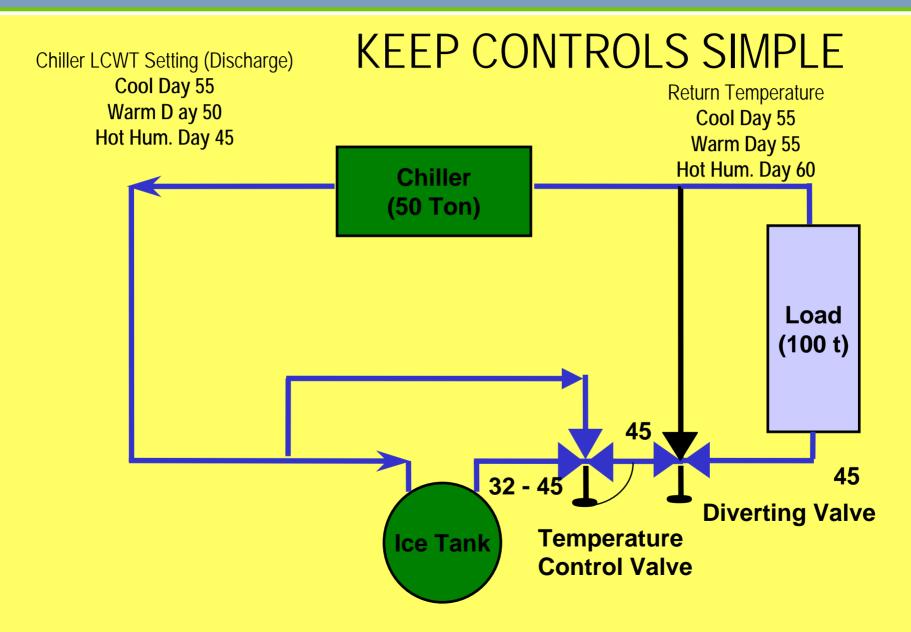
 Two 200 ton chillers & Thermal storage

If one chiller goes down, which system will have more capacity? Which system provides more redundancy?

Apply redundancy and/or safety factors to thermal storage – COST EFFECTIVE REDUNCANCY

# REDUNDANCY THERMAL STORAGE vs. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEM





#### ANY NEW INSTALLATIONS IN ARIZONA?

 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA IN TUCSON HAS JUST COMPLETED A NEW INSTALLATION TO COMPLIMENT THEIR GENERATION PLANT

 DOWNTOWN PHOENIX THERMAL STORAGE PLANT



## University of Arizona Self Generation and Ice Storage Plant



# UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA http://www.fm.arizona.edu/

Combined Heat & Power Plant

Thermal Storage helps to:

- Increase plant cooling capacity
- Flatten the load curve
- Run the turbine more efficiently at night
- Stabilizes the day time loads on the chillers (U of A will be giving tours of the facility)

#### SUMMARY

#### Thermal storage can:

- Be appropriate for many applications where there is a large differential between night and day time cooling loads.
- Help to avoid "over-sizing" chillers
- Can help achieve LEED certification.
- Should not be prohibitively expensive.
- Should have a relatively simple designs.

# THANK YOU!

ANY QUESTIONS??

